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Director
Office of Child Care
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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Apache Tribe of Oklahoma plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the childcare needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services/Subsidies:

- The Apache Tribe of Oklahoma CCDF Program will use the CRRSA funds for Direct Services/Subsidies to families with children that are Enrolled/Pending/Eligible to be enrolled to the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma. The Families that are eligible to get the Direct Services/Subsidies must be working in a setting of healthcare sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the coronavirus pandemic or any workers that have to work during the coronavirus pandemic. Once the Family is approved, the CRRSA funding will pay full direct services/subsidies to the Childcare center that the Family has picked and is still attending. If, in any case, that the Childcare center closes due to the Covid-19 situation, the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma CCDF will still pay for the child spot. Suppose the Family has to be in quarantine because of COVID-19; the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma CCDF will still pay for the child spot to attend the Childcare Center.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- The CRRSA funding will be used for any Childcare Center that is serving the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma with services; CCDF Program can request any resources and supplies that support the implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from the State and local health department (State, County, Tribal, Federal), to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

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4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

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5. Other

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Apache Tribe of Oklahoma has not yet determined how CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent is as follows:

- The Apache Tribe of Oklahoma CCDF program timeline for Determining a Plan for the CCDF CRRSA funding will be decided once the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma hires a CCDF Director to determine what is needed ChildCare Providers and for the CCDF Program. The new CCDF Director will develop a plan for sections three, four, and five and amend sections one and two.

The Apache Tribe of Oklahoma will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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